

**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 5**

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SUBJECT: Reports of Significant Developments and Activities
Ending on April 12, 2002

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The activities listed below are organized by site-specific activities, training/conferences, and stakeholder feedback:

SITE-SPECIFIC ACTIVITIES

Time Critical Removal Start, Alpha Cast, Incorporated, Site, Palmyra, Wisconsin

On April 11, 2002, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) Region 5 initiated a removal action at the Alpha Cast, Incorporated, site in Palmyra, Wisconsin. The site is a former land disposal area for foundry sand and drummed wastes from the Alpha Cast foundry operation. The parcel remains undeveloped and tax delinquent because of the past land disposal activities. Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) requested assistance from the U.S. EPA in evaluating the site as part of the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources/U.S. EPA Proactive Removals Pilot. The removal action will include removal of containerized wastes including methylene chloride, methoxychlor, acids, and ignitable liquids from a wetland area. The Region 5 Technical Support Section will perform a Geoprobe and geophysical survey to located buried drums and identify the source of volatile organic compounds (VOCs) in the wetland sediment. The removal is expected to be completed in six weeks.

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Intergovernmental Agreement, Douglas Road Landfill Superfund Site, Mishawaka, Indiana

On March 26, 2002, the City of Mishawaka, Indiana, completed the execution of an intergovernmental agreement with U.S. EPA Region 5 for the Douglas Road Landfill Superfund site. The City has constructed a storm sewer along Douglas Road and the agreement memorializes their requirements to operate and maintain this storm sewer. In return, U.S. EPA agreed to pay half of the cost to construct (over \$243,000) this storm sewer in exchange for the ability to discharge treated groundwater from the site. This agreement will remain in effect as long as U.S. EPA is required to discharge from the site. This agreement saved U.S. EPA considerable time and the expense of parallel construction activities; and, requires the City to perform operation and maintenance in perpetuity. This agreement is the first of its kind in Region 5, involving Federal/City partnership, and was the result of complicated negotiations between the parties and other local environmental groups concerned about surface water quality.

Also, on March 26, 2002, U.S. EPA began the process of bringing the operation of the groundwater extraction/constructed wetlands treatment up to full capacity.

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Five-Year Review Report Completed, Seymour Recycling Corp. Superfund Site, Seymour, Indiana

In March 2002, the Five-Year Review process for the Seymour Recycling Corp. Superfund site in Seymour, Indiana, was completed. The Seymour site was inspected in October 2001 and the document was drafted, reviewed, and revised in the beginning of this year. Superfund Division Director Bill Muno signed the Five-Year Review Report on March 29, 2002. The final report confirms that the remedy remains protective of both human health and the environment.

The Seymour Superfund site is currently in operation & maintenance under a 1987 Record of Decision and 1988 Consent Decree. It is estimated that over 90% of the contaminant mass has been removed from the monitored groundwater at the Seymour site.

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Investigation Summary Report Issued, Tremont City Landfill AKA North Sanitary Landfill Site, Tremont City, Ohio

On April 9, 2002, Ron Murawski of the Superfund Division issued the March 2002 final "Site Investigation Summary" Report for the Tremont City Landfill AKA {also known as} North Sanitary Landfill site in Clark County, Ohio. This report summarizes the Phase I, II, and III investigations conducted at the site in years 2000 and 2001. The report covers the Preliminary Assessment/Site Investigation (PA/SI) phase of the project. TN & Associates, a U.S. EPA contractor, performed most of the work related to the Phase I, II, and III investigations and report preparation. The report strongly supports the need to perform a remedial investigation/feasibility study (RI/FS) for at least a portion of the site.

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General Notice Letters and 104(e) Information Requests Issued, South Dayton Dump & Landfill Site, Moraine, Ohio

On March 29, 2002, general notice letters and 104(e) Information Requests were sent out to three potentially responsible parties (PRPs) for the South Dayton Dump & Landfill site in Moraine, Ohio. The letters notified the PRPs about U.S. EPA's plans to conduct a remedial investigation and feasibility study at the site and asks them to notify U.S. EPA of their willingness to perform or finance the work. The letters also request additional information about the PRP's involvement with the site. The letters were sent to Delphi Automotive Systems (formerly Delco-Moraine), ITW Hobart Brothers Company (formerly Hobart Brothers), and Waste Management Company (formerly Industrial Waste Disposal).

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Revised Quality Assurance Project Plan/Field Sampling Plan Amendment 1 Received, Evergreen Manor Ground Water Contamination Proposed Superfund Site, Roscoe, Illinois

On February 20, 2002, U.S. EPA received and is currently reviewing the revised Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and Field Sampling Plan (FSP) Amendment 1 for the fund-lead feasibility study (FS) investigation at the Evergreen Manor Ground Water Contamination Proposed National Priorities List Superfund site in Roscoe, Illinois. U.S. EPA received the QAPP/FSP Amendment from Weston. The Amendment includes the

installation of 3 new groundwater monitoring wells, a second round of groundwater sampling, and additional surface water and sediment sampling. U.S. EPA anticipates that the field work will be conducted in late March or early April 2002. The final FS is due June 15, 2002. Potential remedial alternatives that will be evaluated include no-action, monitored natural attenuation, and groundwater pump and treat.

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TRAINING/CONFERENCES

Compliance Assistance Seminars, Marinas, Wisconsin and Ohio

On April 2, 2002, the Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) Program kicked off its Oil Pollution Prevention Project for the year by conducting its first seminar in Port Washington, Wisconsin. On April 8 and 9, 2002, two seminars were held in Sandusky and Cleveland, Ohio, respectively. Barb Carr, SPCC Coordinator hosted workshops which were specifically designed for marina owners to assist them in compliance with the spill prevention regulation. These seminars provide the information to reduce the number and quantity of oil spills reaching the Great Lakes and surrounding sensitive waters by increasing the marina and boating community's knowledge and use of practical pollution prevention methods while storing fuel at marinas, and fueling or operating boats. Wisconsin alone has over 543,000 registered boats in the State. The marina owners were made aware of what would be expected if their facility was randomly selected for a compliance inspection later this year.

The Marine Safety Office staff from the U.S. Coast Guard in Milwaukee, Cleveland, and Toledo, each spoke at the meetings in their areas. In each State, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) or the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) spoke about specific State regulations concerning spill prevention and reporting requirements. James Entzminger from Region 5 covered Section 312 Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act reporting requirements. Boat U.S. Foundation for Boating Safety and Clean Water provided free educational materials.

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Occupational Safety and Health Administration Refresher Training, Chicago, Illinois

During the week of April 8, 2002, the Superfund Health & Safety (H&S) Committee arranged three Health and Safety 8-Hour Refresher Training courses. Seventy (70) people attended the training, including personnel outside the U.S. EPA (e.g., U.S. Department of Labor).

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Agency Participation, 52nd Annual Chicago Public School Student Science Fair, Chicago, Illinois

On March 22, 2002, Barb Carr (Oil Planning and Response Section) was one of several volunteer judges from the U.S. EPA at the Chicago Public School's 52nd Annual Student Science Fair held at the Museum of Science and Industry in Chicago, Illinois. The science fair showcases the best and brightest of the City's public school students in grades 7 through 12 in science, mathematics, aerospace science, technology, and engineering. Students competed with exhibits, models, demonstrations, papers, and oral presentations.

The theme of this year's fair was "Quantum Leaps in Science and Mathematics." About 300 students demonstrated their knowledge during the science fair. Fifty of these were selected by the judges to advance to the State Science Fair and, of those, four will go on to compete at the international level in May. The 200 judges for the fair were drawn from a database of 800 individuals prominent in industry, education, and research. Corporate sponsors included BP, Kraft, and Motorola.

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STAKEHOLDER FEEDBACK

Region 3 Expression of Gratitude (Jim Augustyn, Mark Durno, Leonard Zintak, Ralph Dollhopf, and Keith Lesniak), Anthrax Bacteria Response (Capitol Hill), Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In a memorandum dated March 14, 2002, Donald S. Welsh, Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA Region 3, wrote the following to Thomas

V. Skinner, Regional Administrator, U.S. EPA Region 5, for the response to the release of anthrax bacteria at Capitol Hill:

"I want to express my sincere gratitude to you for sending On-Scene Coordinators (OSCs) from your Removal Program to assist in our response to the release of anthrax bacteria at Capitol Hill. This response was indeed a national effort, and your OSC's contributions to it was very much needed and appreciated.

...The operation was active 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for 3 months. It stretched the national capability of the removal program, but the OSCs did their work well, coming together from nine of the ten regions to work as one team. This response showed the determination of an able national workforce to respond successfully to a major terroristic event.

I have written directly to OSCs Jim Augustyn, Mark Durno, Leonard Zintak, Ralph Dollhopf, and Keith Lesniak from your staff to express my appreciation. They were a significant part of this work, and you can be proud of the part they played in it. I know that Region III could not have succeeded without their dedicated commitment to the work, their technical expertise, professional demeanor, and their work ethic. Please accept my gratitude for their service in this response."

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